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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: GIEREK'S VIEW AND A COMMENT

1. PRESUMABLY, FBIS CONTAINS THE TWO ARTICLES CITED HERE, BUT THEY SEEM OF MORE THAN ORDINARY RELEVANCE IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S PLANNED VISIT TO POLAND.

2. IN ITS ACCOUNT OF GIEREK'S DECEMBER 14 MEETING WITH THE PRESS, TRYBUNA LUDU DECEMBER 20 CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE. BEGIN TEXT. A QUESTION CONCERNING THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER WAS ALSO ASKED. "IT IS DIFFICULT TO SPEAK OF THIS VISIT IN DETAIL. ITS ASSUMPTIONS AND PROGRAMME ARE ONLY NOW BEING WORKED OUT... AS IS KNOWN, IT IS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE AMERICAN SIDE. WE CONSIDER THIS INITIATIVE AS THE NEW PRESIDENT'S DESIRE TO CONFIRM HIS INTEREST IN THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS WITH POLAND. OF COURSE, OUR POSITION AS A SOCIALIST COUNTRY AND A CLOSE ALLY OF THE USSR IS WELL KNOWN. RECOGNIZING THIS POSITION, THE PREVIOUS U.S. ADMINISTRATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THAT OF PRESIDENT FORD, HAD BEEN DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH POLAND."

EDWARD GIEREK STRESSED THAT IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WE ARE PURSUING A POLICY OF PEACE AND COOPERATION, CONSISTENTLY ENDEAVOURING TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE CSCE FINAL ACT. THE FIRST SECRETARY

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EXPRESSED THE CONVICTION THAT THE MEETING WITH J. CARTER WILL BE USEFUL FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND DETENTE, GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF POLISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION, AND YIELD RESULTS FAVOURABLE FOR BOTH THE USA AND POLAND.

"IN THINK THAT IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF THE POLICY OF DETENTE WILL

BE DISCUSSED. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT A FURTHER SUCCESSFUL SHAPING OF BILATERAL POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, ABOVE ALL ECONOMIC RELATIONS." END TEXT. (THE QUOTATION MARKS CONTAIN GIEREK'S WORDS. THE ELLIPSIS IS IN THE TL ARTICLE.)

3. IN THE PAX NEWSPAPER SLOWO POWSZECHNE (DECEMBER 17-18), CHIEF EDITOR JANUSZ STEFANOWICZ WRITES AN EDITORIAL ON PERSONAL AND SUMMIT DIPLOMACY, WHICH CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES. BEGIN TEXT. KISSINGER ONCE MADE AN OBSERVATION RESULTING FROM HIS EXTENSIVE PRACTICE, CONCERNING DIFFERENT ATTITUDES OF LEADERS. HE DIVIDED LEADERS ROUGHLY INTO TWO CATEGORIES: PROPHETS AND STATESMEN. THE FORMER WANT TO REDEEM THE WORLD, ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND AS A RULE INTOLERANT; THEY ENJOY APPLYING THE TACTICS OF "ALL OR NOTHING", THEY PRETEND TO LOVE MANKIND BUT IN PRACTICE THEY ARE HARMING IT, WANTING TO FORCE ON OTHERS THEIR IDEAS AND POSTULATES. THE LATTER ACT SENSIBLY AND GRADUALLY AND PREFER CERTAIN PARTIAL SUCCESSES TO UNCERTAIN TOTAL ONES; THEY UNDERSTAND THE MOTIVES OF OTHERS ALTHOUGH THEY KNOW WHEN TO INSIST ON THEIRS. 1..

PRIVATE DIPLOMACY UNQUESTIONABLY BRINGS CHANCES AS WELL AS RISKS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DRAW UP A SENSIBLE BALANCE-SHEET. BUT IT SEEMS COMFORTING - AND VERY HUMANISTIC - THAT IN OUR HIGHLY RATIONALIZED AND TECHNICAL TIMES THE HUMAN FACTOR IS AGAIN BEING PROMOTED IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IT WAS ONCE SAID, THAT WAR IS TOO SERIOUS A MATTER TO LEAVE TO GENERALS; TODAY WE CAN TRAVESTY IT: PEACE IS TOO SERIOUS A MATTER TO LEAVE

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TO PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS. END TEXT. (ELLIPSIS REPRESENTS CUT MADE BY EMBASSY.)

4. COMMENT. STEFANOWICZ IS OFTEN USED BY THE REGIME TO MAKE EDITORIAL COMMENTS TO WHICH IT PREFERS NOT TO GIVE THE CACHET OF PUBLICATION IN TRYBUNA LUDU OR ZYCIE WARSZAWY. PRESUMABLY, STEFANOWICZ WOULD APPLY HIS DENIGRATION OF PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS ONLY TO THOSE WHOSE LEADERS ARE "STATESMEN", RATHER THAN "PROPHETS," IN THE FORMER SECRETARY'S DEFINITION. END COMMENT.

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